# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FINANCE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1048
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RULES REGARDING IMPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the animals especially dogs, which are brought by the importers are often released by the custom officers after getting payment of minimum charges ignoring the facts that under rules these dogs are required to be kept in quarantine for a stipulated period;

(b) if so, the number of live animals imported during the last three years and released after getting minimum charges; and

(c) the fresh steps taken/proposed to ensure that all the animals are kept in quarantine after the arrival in India?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE ( GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN )

(a) to (c) All live animals especially dogs when imported were being cleared on payment of customs duty and other charges on production of health certificates issued by the concerned authorities of country of origin. In the absence of such certificate, the animals used to be kept under the observation of Animal Quarantine Officerfor a stipulated period. During the last three years, 166 live animals were imported and cleared on payment of duty and other charges.

Instructions have since been issued to the field formations of Customs & Central Excise to allow clearance of live animals only against valid import licence and after clearance from the Animal Quarantine Authorities.